



The Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities



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Applications Open for 2026 IATH Fellowship

The Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities (IATH) is seeking proposals from UVA faculty for our Fellowship Program. IATH's Resident Fellowship program has been the heart of IATH since its founding in 1993, enabling us to support and guide selected Fellows in collaborative design and development of scholarly research projects of many kinds that draw upon advanced digital technology. The objects of research—data about people, texts, two- or three-dimensional artifacts, geographic information and so on—may be processed with various tools for computational representation, graphic display, quantitative analysis, and qualitative interpretation. [**The 2026 Residential Fellowship application form is due March 1, 2026.**](#)

IATH is part of the Digital Humanities Center (DHC), in the renovated third-floor space of the main UVA Library. The DHC comprises IATH and the Scholars' Lab, creating a team that supports humanities scholarship in the digital arena by faculty, staff, and students through its fellowship programs, events, staff expertise, and workshops and colloquia.

The 2026 Fellowship program is focused on identifying and developing ambitious and long-term digital scholarship based in humanities disciplines. This may include traditional humanities faculty as well as interdisciplinary scholars from the sciences and social sciences. We offer a two-year Residential Fellowship that includes:

- Design and development assistance
- Use of equipment and software
- Training, computer programming
- \$20,000 for equipment and research support
- Development assistance to seek grants and gifts to support the research project.

One goal of the Fellowship program is to help develop and support both students and faculty who are working in the DH arena, so Fellows will be asked to participate in the DHC community and offer work-in-progress presentations and reports. Applicants are encouraged to think about how their project might involve collaboration with students at graduate and undergraduate level, and how this experience would benefit them and contribute to the digital humanities ecosystem at UVA.

Led by IATH, the staff of the DHC will collaborate with the Fellow to develop a plan adapted to Fellow's research needs, and existing staff skills, time, and resources. We anticipate this will include regular consultations on project planning, design, and implementation, considering the extent of the planned work and future project scope, aims, and duration or preservation. We will provide training in skills needed or referrals to tutorials or workshops; access to equipment and software; advice and collaboration on effective budgeting and project management, as well as

assistance to identify and pursue internal and external funding. **The fellowship period begins July 1, 2026, and will end June 30, 2028.**

WHO CAN APPLY?

Faculty members involved in humanities research through any department of the University of Virginia system are eligible to apply for fellowships. [Past Fellows](#) have come from Anthropology, Architecture, Art History, Engineering Humanities, English, History, Landscape Architecture, Media Studies, Music, and Religious Studies.

Digital scholarship is more time-intensive and collaborative than many more traditional forms of humanities scholarship. Therefore we strongly encourage applicants to discuss their proposal with their Department Chair and/or Dean, and secure a letter of support for the allocation of research time during the fellowship period.

I WANT TO KNOW MORE!

There will be an information session with IATH Director Sarah Wells and Digital Humanities Center Director, Lisa Blackmore, in Shannon Library on January 29 via Zoom at 12:30-1:15pm. You can sign up for the information session at <https://cal.lib.virginia.edu/calendar/events/IATHFellowshipInfo2026>.

We also strongly encourage interested applicants to contact IATH Director Sarah Wells (spw4s@virginia.edu) to schedule a meeting with DHC representatives. This will include discussing preliminary ideas for an IATH Fellow project and thinking about budget priorities, as well as an exploration of further opportunities in the DHC, the Library, and the larger UVA DH community.